

**Mansfield School Committee Meeting
Minutes for Tuesday, May 7, 2019
Mansfield High School**

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An **Open Meeting** of the Mansfield School Committee was held in the Principal's conference room of Mansfield High School on Tuesday, May 7, 2019. The open meeting session was called to order by Kiera O'Neil at 6:20 p.m.

Members Present:

Kiera O'Neil
Lynn Cavicchi
Linda Fernando
Lauren Scher
Jenn Walsh

Administration Present:

Teresa Murphy, Superintendent of Schools
Edward Donoghue, Assistant Superintendent (Finance/Operations)

New Business:

Tree Planting by MHS students:

Two seniors, Lizzy Elsner and Sethu Odayappan, initiated the "Tree-Plenish" group. During this effort, they received requests for and planted over 330 trees in the Mansfield Community as a symbolic effort to replenish for paper used at the high school. They would like to donate a tree to be planted on school property with a small plaque representing their efforts. Mary Watkins and Matthew Jacques support the request. Mr. Jacques will work with the students on the best location and a dedication ceremony will be held in June.

A motion to accept a tree on school property by Lynn Cavicchi / Linda Fernando

Discussion- Lynn requested that careful consideration be given to location and any impact it would have in 20 years (example will building still be in existence, will it impact sidewalks, etc.)

Motion carries 5 - 0.

Best Buddies students to Indiana:

In order for us to continue in the Best Buddies program, the district must send two student leaders to Indiana for training on an annual basis. The students will fly out to Indiana and be met by the Best Buddies chaperones who will escort them to the campus. Christine Riley will also attend this event for professional development. The district will cover all costs.

A motion to approve the student trip to Indiana for Best Buddies by Linda Fernando / Jenn Walsh

Discussion- none

Motion carries 4 - 0 - 1 (Lynn Cavicchi abstained since her daughter is an officer of Best Buddies.)

Master Plan Committee:

The Town of Mansfield is going to update the 2008 Master Plan. The group will meet monthly over the next year to complete the Master Plan in time for the 2020 Town Meeting. They have requested a member of the school committee to participate.

A motion to nominate Jenn Walsh to the Master Plan Committee by Linda Fernando / Lauren Scher

Discussion- It may be beneficial to have a backup person in the event that Jenn cannot make all the meetings.

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A motion to amend the nomination to include Lauren Scher as a backup as needed by Linda Fernando / Lynn Cavicchi

Amended Motion carries 5 - 0

Other- Items not anticipated by the Chair 48 hours prior to this meeting:

Town meeting article 26 requests the town to approve a 4 year lease for the 1:1 chromebooks. By our bylaws, any lease over 3 years must be approved at town meeting. School Committee is taking an official vote prior to town meeting.

Motion to support Article 26 (Move that the Mansfield School Committee be authorized to enter into a Computer Equipment contract for a period in excess of three years, for a total contract not to exceed four years.) by Lynn Cavicchi / Linda Fernando

Motion carries 5 - 0

Documents Referenced:

Tree-Plenish proposal
Best Buddies trip
Master Plan request

Motion to adjourn: At 6:36 p.m., **Motion** to adjourn the open meeting and enter town meeting by Lynn Cavicchi /Jenn Walsh.

Motion Carries 5 - 0

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Nugent, Secretary to the
Superintendent & School Committee